(c) Delhi Police recently busted two such gangs which led to the arrest of 17 persons.

(d) The steps taken by Delhi Police to prevent crime in moving buses include deployment of policemen in plain clothes in the buses plying over vulnerable routes.; surprise checks at bus stops; encouraging the bus operators to report to the nearest police picket or PCR Van in case any person is found indulging in unlawful activities inside the bus; targeting of organized gangs operating in moving buses and their neutralization; increased patrolling and surveillance; and deployment of additional staff near educational institutions and other sensitive areas.

Promotion of junior engineers in MCD

167. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 805 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 2002 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the said DPC which met in December, 1997 had recorded its finding declaring the said S.T. officer as 'Unfit';

(b) in case, his name was not coming within the extended zone of consideration, then how has the said DPC recorded him as 'Unfit';

(c) whether the Commissioner is following any mechanism to continuously evaluate the work of the lower functionaries; and

(d) if so, what is the final outcome on various aspects apprised by an M.P. vide her letter dated 6th August, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Departmental Promotion Committee in its meeting held on 9th December, 1997 did not consider the name of any Scheduled Tribes officer as no such officer was covered even within the extended zone of consideration. It was only in the subsequent meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee held on the 14th May, 1998 that one of the Scheduled Tribes officers, who was within the zone of consideration, was considered

and the recommendation in his case was placed in the "sealed cover" as a vigilance case was pending against him at the relevant time. When the "sealed cover" was later on conclusion of the vigilance case opened, he was found to have been assessed as "unfit" for promotion by the Committee. However, on the basis of the representation made by the officer concerned, it has been decided to review his case.

Foreign contribution received by Asian Health Environment and Allied Data Base

168. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asian Health Environment and Allied Data Base, registered (No. S / 26497 of 1994) with Registrar of Societies, Delhi received foreign contribution through Council of Scientific and Industrial Research after 1993;

(b) if so, the details including the amount, source and date of foreign contribution received from 1994 onwards;

(c) whether competent authority granted permission, after 1993, to Asian Health Environment and Allied Data Base to accept foreign contribution through Council of Scientific and Industrial Research; and

(d) if so, the details of prior permission granted including the date of sanction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Pre-conditions laid down by NSCN (IM) leadership for talks

169. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NSCN (IM) leadership has laid down several preconditions to come for talks to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and